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## **RECLAMATION ANNOUNCES WATER SUPPLY ALLOCATION UPDATE FOR WATER YEAR 2002**

Reclamation today announced its April update for the Water Year 2002 allocation of available water supplies from the Federal Central Valley Project (CVP). Due to near normal conditions in March, the runoff has improved from the levels shown in the drier March forecast. Reclamation's official allocation uses the 90-percent exceedence forecast, which is based on a dry-year classification in the water runoff information prepared by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

As noted in the March announcement, Reclamation has cooperated with other Federal and State agencies in the CALFED Program to develop and implement an operations plan in 2002 which supports water supply reliability and fishery protection and restoration needs. The current plan employs water augmentation tools reflected in the forecast including use of Environmental Water Account (EWA) assets to satisfy potential late spring export curtailments at the CVP Tracy Pumping Plant and use of available capacity at the California State Water Project's (SWP) Banks Pumping Plant to convey water in the summer months. The supply to CVP contractors south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta was augmented recently when Reclamation filled the CVP share of San Luis Reservoir near Los Banos and used available capacity at Tracy Pumping Plant for about a week to export supplemental water. Preliminary estimates indicate that up to approximately 40,000 acre-feet of supplemental water was made available to the contractors due to this action.

The CVP and SWP will be operated to support the minimum storage needs in San Luis Reservoir through the summer months. Reclamation will review the delivery schedules submitted by the CVP contractors and coordinate the operations with DWR to achieve the storage targets in San Luis Reservoir.

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Mid-Pacific Region Water Year 2002 Allocation									
Probability of Exceedence Forecasts	Percent of Historical Average Sacramento River Runoff & Year Type	North of Delta Allocation (percent of contract amount)				South of Delta Allocation (percent of contract amount)			
		Ag	M&I	R	WR	Ag	M&I	R	WR
90%	67% Dry	100	100	100	100	55	80	100	100
Recent Historic Average (5-Year Average Allocation)		90	95	100	100	75	91	100	100

*(M&I allocations are based on historical use)*

In the 90-percent exceedence forecast, the CVP East Side Division contractors (Stanislaus River) will have a water supply allocation of 8 percent of their contract amount. This is a change from the March forecast when no water was available .

The Friant Division deliveries for Water Year 2002 are projected to be 800,000 acre-feet, or 53-percent of the historic water supply of 1.5 million acre-feet. The allocation for Friant Division contractors will be 100-percent of Class 1 water and 0 (zero) percent of Class 2 water. The projected Friant Division delivery of 800,000 acre-feet is based on the DWR 90-percent exceedence forecast. The 2002 precipitation season is about 90-percent completed. Through April 15, 2002, precipitation in the San Joaquin River watershed was 32.50 inches compared to 30.25 inches this time last year.

Throughout the precipitation season, updated information will be provided as conditions warrant. For additional information on the Water Year 2002 Allocation press release, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100 or TDD 916-978-5608.

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